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1. DRV FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ATTACKING THE US FOR OPPOSING A CONFERENCE INVITATION TO THE PRG WAS DISTRIBUTED TO DELEGATIONS FEB 25 BY DRV REPS. LATTER MADE THREE ATTEMPTS TO HAVE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT MAKE DISTRIBUTION BUT FAILED. (WE HAVE MADE CERTAIN THAT SECRETARIAT WILL NOT LEND ITSELF TO SUCH PROPAGANDIZING.)

2. TEXT SEEN HERE DIFFERS SOMEWHAT FROM REFTEL, HENCE APPEARS BELOW:

BEGIN TEXT.

THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE FOUR GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
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INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS WAS

OFFICIALLY OPENED ON FEBRUARY 20, 1974 IN GENEVA.

THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTRIES ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE HAS DEMANDED THAT THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM SHOULD HAVE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN IT. THE U. S. GOVERNMENT IS FEARFUL OF THIS AND HAS BEEN TRYING TO PREVENT THE CONFERENCE FROM DECIDING TO INVITE THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM. AFTER ITS OPENING SESSION THE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO REPEATEDLY POSTPONE ITS PLENARY SESSIONS AND SO FAR UNABLE TO RESUME ITS WORK. IN THE MEANTIME THE U. S. DELEGATION IS ENDEAVOURING TO PERSUADE AND PRESSURE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE ITS DESIGN. THIS EVIL DEED OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT HAS DELAYED THE CONFERENCE AND IS SERIOUSLY THREATENING ITS RESULTS.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IS A PROBLEM WHICH CONCERNS THE WHOLE MANKIND AND REQUIRES AS MANY PARTICIPANTS AS POSSIBLE. THE VIET NAM WAR WITH MONSTROUS CRIMES COMMITTED BY THE U. S. IMPERIALIST AGGRESSORS AND CONDEMNED BY THE WHOLE MANKIND HAS IN FACT POSED MANY NEW PROBLEMS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW.

THE PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE BY THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM AS A PARTY TO THE FOUR GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 AND, WHAT IS MORE, AS VICTIM OF THE U. S. WAR OF AGGRESSION IS JUST, LEGITIMATE AND PARTICULARLY NECESSARY.

IF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT WHO HAS COMMITTED NUMEROUS CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT THE FOUR GENEVA CONVENTIONS IS ALLOWED TO EXERT PRESSURE TO DECIDE THE COMPOSITION OF THE CONFERENCE AND SPECIFICALLY TO PREVENT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIET NAM IN THE CONFERENCE

AS A FULL MEMBER, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IS OF THE VIEW THAT SUCH AN ACT WOULD SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE GENUINE HUMANITARIAN PURPOSES OF THE CONFERENCE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM WOULD BE COMPELLED TO RECONSIDER WHETHER IT WILL CONTINUE OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM IS CONVINCED THAT THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THE NON-ALIGNED STATES, THE PEACE - AND JUSTICE - LOVING NATIONS AND PROGRESSIVE PUBLIC OPINION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WILL ENERGETICALLY STRUGGLE TO FOIL THIS DARK SCHEME OF THE U. S. GOVERNMENT AND RESOLUTELY SUPPORT THE CORRECT POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM AND OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF

SOUTH VIET NAM, FOR THE NOBLE HUMANITARIAN CAUSE OF THE WHOLE MANKIND

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